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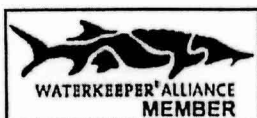
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Lisa Plevin
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EPA Region 2
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Dear Ms. Plevin,

Hackensack Riverkeeper would like to schedule a meeting with relevant Region 2 staff to discuss listing the mainstem of the Hackensack River to the Superfund National Priorities List. We believe this listing is warranted because of historic pollution in the river's sediments, including PCBs, arsenic, DDD, DDT, DDE, chlordane, mercury, dioxins, dieldrin, PAHs, heptachlor epoxide, cyanide, hexachlorobenzene, lead, cadmium, copper, benzene, chromium and others. The complexity of the setting, continued bioavailability of the contaminants and the lack of progress in the mainstem of the river lead us to conclude that federal listing of the river is the only likely avenue toward its eventual rehabilitation.

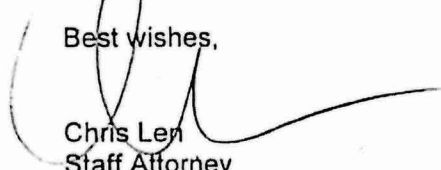
We have met separately with Region 2 Staff and with New Jersey DEP staff, and we feel that the two regulatory bodies agree on more than they disagree. Unfortunately, minor disagreements have led to a prolonged delay in addressing the contamination. We feel that were EPA staff, DEP staff and the NGO community to meet and discuss our viewpoints, that we could perhaps resolve any disagreement on the proper procedure for listing.

We therefore request that you arrange a meeting to discuss federal listing of the Hackensack and invite at least the following people to participate:

- Relevant Region 2 staff
- Ken Kloo and relevant NJDEP staff
- Bill Sheehan, Hackensack Riverkeeper
- Chris Len, Staff Attorney
- Deborah Mans, NY/NJ Baykeeper
- Ed Bonanno, counsel for Hackensack Riverkeeper and NY/NJ Baykeeper

Thank you for your time. We look forward to working in partnership with EPA and the DEP.

Best wishes,


Chris Len
Staff Attorney
Hackensack Riverkeeper

